



# Crop Progress and Condition

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**Agricultural News:** Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.7. Farming activities included making hay, harvesting small grains, planting double crop soybeans, picking fruit, and applying herbicides. High temperatures were in the 90s, and lows were in the 60s to 70s. Precipitation was up from the previous week with scattered rain.

### SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 06/21/15

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	1	18	73	8
Subsoil	2	16	80	2

- Represents zero.

### CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 06/21/15

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	7	7	22	62	2
Grapes	3	2	8	87	-
Peaches	12	8	20	60	-
Barley	-	5	31	56	8
Corn	-	2	19	63	16
Cotton	-	-	11	85	4
Hay, Alfalfa	-	3	28	61	8
Hay, Other	1	8	31	56	4
Oats	2	5	49	40	4
Peanuts	-	-	11	89	-
Potatoes, Summer	-	-	15	85	-
Soybeans	-	2	22	67	9
Tobacco, Burley	-	1	48	51	-
Tobacco, Fire-cured	-	4	37	56	3
Tobacco, Flue-cured	3	3	20	55	19
Winter Wheat	1	1	20	65	13
Pasture	2	12	33	47	6
Livestock	1	5	25	59	10

-Represents zero.

### CROP PROGRESS for week ending 06/21/15

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Barley harvested	65	42	60	-
Corn emerged	96	93	96	98
Cotton squaring	31	17	18	23
Oats harvested	37	25	50	-
Potatoes, Summer harvested	5	-	5	9

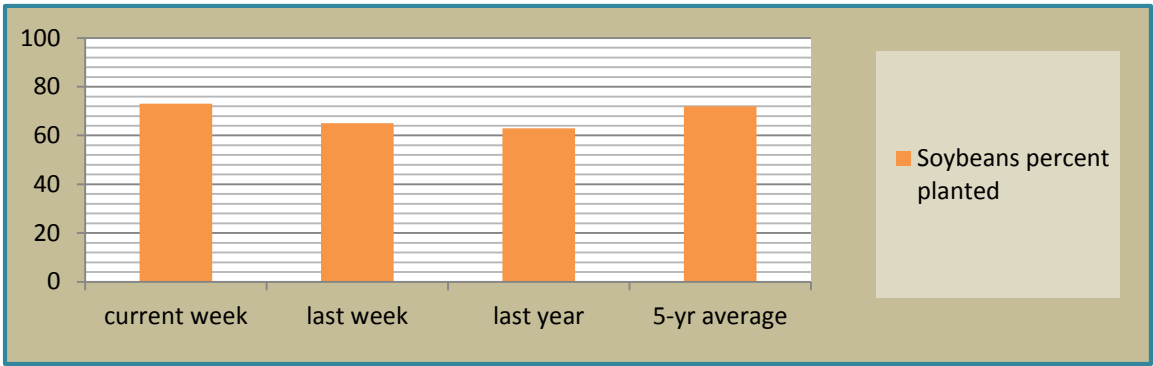
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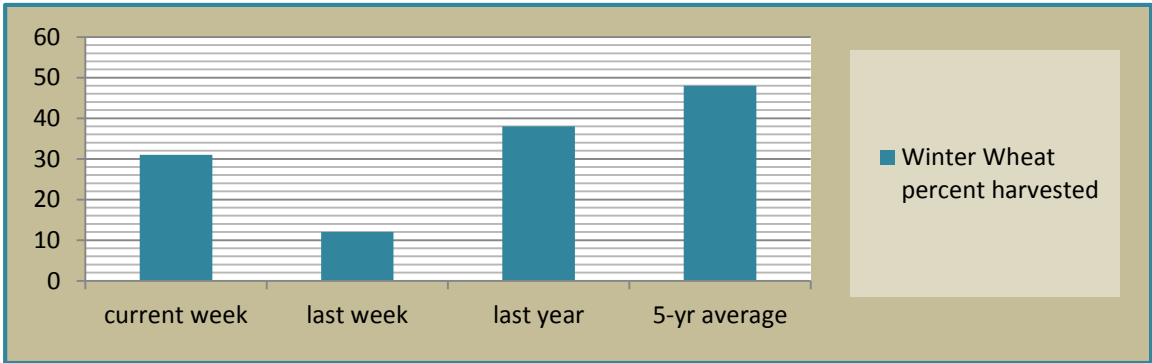
Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Soybeans planted	73	65	63	72
Soybeans emerged	60	52	53	59
Tobacco, Burley transplanted	87	79	97	94
Tobacco, Fire-cured transplanted	90	85	-	-
Winter Wheat harvested	31	12	38	48

- Represents data not available.

SOYBEANS PLANTED for week ending 06/21/15



WINTER WHEAT HARVESTED for week ending 06/21/15



Weather Summary- For the week ending June 21, 2015

City	Temperature						Growing degree days (modified base 50)		Precipitation				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal *	Mar. 1 to June 20	Mar. 1 to June 20 norm	Last Week	Since June 1	June 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	89	67	92	65	78	7	1441	1290	1.85	4.39	1.97	17.77	-2.65
Norfolk	92	75	98	72	84	10	1636	1401	0.83	5.31	2.94	20.31	-0.62
Richmond	94	73	99	71	84	10	1702	1424	0.55	3.13	0.85	21.12	1.01
Roanoke	90	70	93	68	80	8	1509	NA	2.05	7.49	5.06	22.45	2.05
Wash/Dulles	87	69	91	66	78	7	1403	NA	2.42	4.43	1.63	18.30	-1.37

\* Normal based on 1971-2000 data. NA-Not available. Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>. Source: USDA, NASS, Virginia Field Office.

REPORTER COMMENTS BY COUNTY – Comments are based on remarks made by extension agents, farmers, commodity specialists, and other knowledgeable individuals.

WESTERN

BOTETOURT (Kate Lawrence)

More producers are choosing to double crop soybeans behind winter wheat. Late season beans have not been planted yet.

**ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas A Stanley)**

Hot and humid conditions with scattered thundershowers characterized the week and a significant rain event forecast for Saturday night failed to materialize. Soil moisture levels declined in the heat but overall crop conditions remain good.

**CENTRAL**

**AMELIA (Laura Siegle)**

This week has been hot and mostly dry, with a few brief showers coming with the recent thunderstorms. We are seeing tassels at several of our corn fields and other fields are close behind. We've also seen a lot of combines out this week.

**CAMPBELL (Todd Scott)**

Soil moisture varies greatly in Campbell County. The Northern end seems to have more moisture than the mid to southern part of the county. Rainfall is very scattered.

**CAROLINE (Mike Broaddus)**

Crops look good in spite of the high temperatures we've experienced. The ground has been kept hydrated by recent rains.

**NELSON (Michael LaChance)**

Weather has been hot and humid with locally intense thunderstorms providing intense rainfalls of limited extent. Hay is still being made. Small grain harvest is nearly complete with soybeans going in afterwards. Corn in active growth. Cherry harvest is complete. Tomatoes, blueberries and peaches are being picked.

**POWHATAN (Rachel Grosse)**

Extremely hot temperatures the past few weeks.

**EASTERN**

**GLOUCESTER (David Moore)**

Showers this week have kept corn looking very good and some spots are beginning to tassel. It has however stalled wheat harvest and bean planting. Things are a little behind schedule and producers have been unable to get a continuous run at the harvest. Test weight and yields remain good to very good. Many folks are worried that quality may begin to drop soon. Also stalled is haymaking. Vegetables are growing well. Squash and peppers are beginning to come in. Cantaloupes and tomatoes are still a few days off. Sweet corn should be available by July 4th. Activities include wheat harvest, soybean planting, land prep for soybeans, soybean post emergent spray applications, and crop scouting.

**NORTHAMPTON (Ursula Deitch)**

It was a hot and dry week. Winter wheat harvest began this week. Double crop soybeans are being planted behind the harvested wheat. Lots of growers are bailing the wheat and barley straw to help with double crop bean planting.

**SOUTHWESTERN**

**CARROLL (Steve Pottorff)**

Much of the county received some rain this past week.

**TAZEWELL (John Blankenship)**

Parts of the county are dry, but scattered showers seem to be hitting others frequently.

**SOUTHEASTERN**

**BRUNSWICK (Cynthia Gregg)**

Spotty storms this week left water ponding in crop and hay fields in parts of the county and some areas saw little to no rain this week. Hay is being cut and some of it a bit late. Tobacco is being cultivated as well. Harvest of small grains is going into full swing and double cropped soybeans are being planted as well.

**GREENSVILLE (Nichole Norton)**

Soybean progress indicates early season soybeans. We had 3.5 inches of rain this past week.

**PRINCE GEORGE (Scott Reiter)**

Wheat harvest made some progress this week in between rain showers. Double crop soybeans have been planted quickly behind the combine to take advantage of the soil moisture. Herbicide applications to full season soybeans continued as well.

**SUSSEX (Kevin Wells)**

Scattered showers fell over most of the area giving us some much needed rain for our crops. Corn looks great and extra moisture will help get late planted beans up. Nitrogen side-dressing continues on cotton along with herbicide applications on soybean and cotton.

**VIRGINIA BEACH CITY (Roy D. Flanagan)**

A couple of timely rains this week brought life back to soybean planters as moisture has become an issue on some land. Wheat harvest got ramped up and made real good progress in the dry period before the late week/weekend rain storms.